

TOWN OF SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION-Dog Park Committee
SPECIAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021-6:30 P.M. 30 minute meeting
ZOOM LINK: below

Present

Tony Griggs

Yanira Speer

Jessica Hartke

Jason Hartke

Nancy Ayala

Debbie Delorimiere

Dalhia Pena Thomas

Absent

Janet Schultz

Becky Nortz

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Act on motion to approve minutes from meeting of 7/26/2021

- Minutes approved. M/S/C Nancy/Yanira

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

- None

4. Report on Fundraising/Budget Items

- N/A

5. Unfinished Business

a. Review feedback on visits to eligible park locations

- Tony: Zemko property is a great location/clearings/remote location so barking not a problem/near garden/parking. Flat, sloping area/cleared/trees/look at survey map.
- Debbie: Agree with Tony. Well/septic/electric/road/future potential for community activities. Location also has trees, which will provide shade. Vision is to keep the area more rustic, not all manicured lawn or open space. Should need cleanup but not major landscaping.
- Nancy (frequent dog park visitor): Important location features should include shading to humans and dogs, especially smaller one. Will cut down on smells. Remote location important due to noise.

b. Draft layout

- Discussed Zemko property site location behind large garage, to left of existing path. Draft layout for Letter of Intent uses Waterford Park location. Committee to meet to look at site, stake out possible layouts.
- Jessica (frequent dog park visitor) offered to obtain layout of Norwich park. Out of all the parks she has visited, their setup is best, with exception of section for smaller dogs which needs to be larger. Nancy agreed about smaller section needing to be larger.
- Discussed other dog parks visited. Discussed importance of also considering the continued maintenance of our park once established.
- Discussed availability for meetup.

6. Comments from Recreation Commission

- None. Password issue prevented attendance by Alan Mziarz. Debbie will follow up on that issue.

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7. Public Comments/Guests/Correspondence

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- None received

8. New Business

1. Funds and Approvals for this project. Deb inquired as to how funds will be handled and also would like step by step process of moving this project forward (approvals, etc.). Debbie will provide feedback from Alan Maziarz
 - Previous request was to meet with FS Lyden, but Alan Maziarz offered to help because he has gone through this process.
 - He will begin working on a Letter of Intent to be submitted to the Selectmen, Planning and Zoning, and Inland Wetlands for review and vetting. Letter will cover plan for location and draft layout of park.
 - Once approvals are obtained, committee can begin to obtain quotes for phase 1 items such as the fence/land prep/poop bag stations and other items.
 - Yanira will be able to design layout and submit requests for quotes from vendors.
 - Parks and Rec account will be placeholder for all funds collected for this project. Separate line item will most likely be created.
 - Not new business, but reminder that the Town will not be funding this project; funds will be raised independently through donations, fundraisers, sponsorships, grants.

2. Fundraisers - research

- Committee should begin researching possible fundraising ideas. Bring ideas and costs to discuss at next meetings.
- Nancy: Fundraising idea is Pet pics with Santa.
- Other fundraisers briefly discussed
 - Sponsorship of sections of fencing
 - Sponsorship of entire fence
 - Selling personalized bricks to be used for walkways
 - Selling personalized plaques to be attached to the fence

9. Review to do tasks

- Reviewed

10. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned 6:55 pm. M/S/C Nancy/Dahlia

Topic: Dog Park Special 10_4

Time: Oct 4, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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